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**Mayor Dixon Welcomes the African American Heritage Festival to
Baltimore**

Baltimore, MD (April 25, 2007) - Mayor Sheila Dixon, joined by festival organizers, officially welcomed the African American Heritage Festival to Baltimore. The festival will take place July 6-8, 2007 at Oriole Park at Camden Yards.

The Mayor was joined by City Council President Stephanie Rawlings Blake, Honorary Chairman Kweisi Mfume, Chairman LaRian Finney, and Barbara Armstrong, Chief Operating Officer of Associated Black Charities.

“We are excited to welcome the Heritage Festival to Baltimore,” said the Mayor. “Thanks to the stewardship of Kweisi Mfume, it is now one of the premier cultural celebrations in the Mid-Atlantic region.”

This year, the African American Heritage Festival will feature educational culture and art exhibits, ethnic foods, and interactive children’s activities. Nationally and locally renowned entertainers are slated to perform. Headliners will be the Temptations Revue featuring Dennis Edwards, Ali Woodson, Charlie Wilson, and Patti Labelle.

A new component to the Festival this year will be the Health Village. This new feature will offering screenings for prostate cancer, diabetes, high blood pressure, cholesterol, vision, dental podiatry, immunizations, weight consultations including health and fitness training. The African American Heritage Festival is proud to offer the community and its growing number of guests the opportunity to build their knowledge base in areas of technology, career assessment, and now health and lifestyle.

Admission to the festival is free of charge, but attendees will be asked to help the Heritage Foundation to “Keep the Festival Alive” by making a donation at the entrances.

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